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TITLE OF INVENTION: INFORMATION SORTING METHOD, INFORMATION SORTING APPARATUS, AND STORAGE MEDIUM
FOR STORING AN INFORMATION SORTING PROCESSING SOFTWARE PROGRAM

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Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and
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1. ☒ This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
2. ☐ This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
3. ☒ This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)) at any time rather
than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 U.S.C. 371(b) and PCT
Articles 22 and 39(1).
4. ☐ A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the
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5. ☒ A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))
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6. ☒ A translation of the International Application into English (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).
7. ☐ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))
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8. ☐ A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
9. ☒ An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).
10. ☐ A translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36
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Items 11. to 16. below concern document(s) or information included:

11. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
12. ☐ An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31
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13. ☒ A **FIRST** preliminary amendment.
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14. ☐ A substitute specification.
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17. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The following fees are submitted: The international search fee, as set forth in § 1.445(a)(2) to be paid to the US PTO acting as an international Searching Authority: <input type="checkbox"/> has been paid (37 CFR 1.492(a)(2)) \$ 710 <input type="checkbox"/> has not been paid (37 CFR 1.492(a)(3)) \$ 1000 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> where a search report on the international application has been prepared by the European Patent Office or the Japanese Patent Office (37 CFR 1.492(a)(5)) \$ 860 <div style="text-align: right;">ENTER APPROPRIATE BASIC FEE AMOUNT =</div>				CALCULATIONS PTO USE ONLY	
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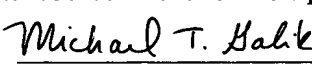
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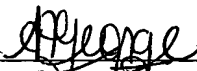

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Be it known that we, Michihiro Nagaishi and Shinji Miwa, both citizens of Japan, of 3-5 Owa 3-chome, Suwa-shi, Nagano-ken, 392 Japan, c/o Seiko Epson Corporation, have invented new and useful improvements in:

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of which the following is the specification.

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